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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, MNUC, NPG, NATO  
SUBJECT: NPG: APRIL 6 NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING

REF: USNATO 1867 (DTG 311826Z MAR 77)

SUMMARY: AT APRIL 6 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP (SG)  
DISCUSSED POSSIBLE AGENDAS FOR PERMREP MEETINGS IN  
PREPARATION FOR OTTAWA NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. SG  
ALSO REVIEWED THE FIRST REVISION OF A DRAFT PERMREP  
REPORT ON OBSERVATIONS ON WINTEX 77. ACTION REQUESTED:  
WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THE SECOND REVISED DRAFT PERMREP  
REPORT ON OBSERVATIONS ON WINTEX 77 BY APRIL 18.  
END SUMMARY.

1. AT APRIL 6 MEETING, SG ACTING CHAIRMAN (MENTZEL)  
SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED AGENDAS FOR TH THREE  
UPCOMING NPG PERMREP MEETINGS:  
(A) APRIL 21: (1) DISCUSSION OF THE NUCLEAR BALANCE  
INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL ROLE AND VALUE OF CRUISE MISSILES  
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(GUIDANCE REQUESTED SEPTTEL); AND (2) INITIAL DISCUSSION  
OF THE NPG NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY (GUIDANCE REQUESTED SEPTTEL)  
(B) MAY 5: DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PERMREP REPORTS ON:  
(1) THE SHAPE NIKE-HERCULES STUDY; (2) THE SHAPE DUAL  
CAPABLE AIRCRAFT STUDY; AND (3) THE NPG THEATER INFORMATION  
AND ENGAGEMENT SYSTEMS (TIES) REPORTS. (STAFF GROUP WILL  
HOLD INITIAL DISCUSSION OF THE POSSIBLE CONTENT OF THESE  
DRAFT PERMREP REPORTS AT APRIL 18 MEETING.)  
(C) MAY 23: DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PERMREP REPORTS ON:  
(1) NPG FUTURE WORK; (2) COMMENTS ON THE NUCLEAR PHASE OF

WINTEX 77 (SEE PARA 2 BELOW); AND (3) NPG NEW TECHNOLOGY STUDY.

THIS SCHEDULE COULD VARY SOMEWHAT, BUT WE BELIEVE IT IS WORKABLE, ASSUMING THAT THE DRAFT PERMREP REPORTS COVERING THE STUDIES ARE ESSENTIALLY SHORT TRANSMITTAL DOCUMENTS. AT THE APRIL 18 MEETING, WE WILL SUPPORT THIS APPROACH.

2. SG THEN UNDERTOOK A LINE-BY-LINE REVIEW OF THE FIRST REVISION OF THE DRAFT PERMREP REPORT ON OBSERVATIONS OF WINTEX 77 (NPG (STAFF GROUP) WP(77)3(REVISED)), POUCHED TO STATE AND DEFENSE. THE REVISED DRAFT IS A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER THE INITIAL ONE (REFTEL, PARA 1). SG REWORDED THE ENTIRE REVISED DRAFT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS SECTIONS, WHICH WERE NOT AVAILABLE. THE IS IS PREPARING A SECOND REVISION, BASED ON THE SG DISCUSSION, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SECTIONS COVERING CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. WE WILL TRANSMIT THE SECOND REVISED DRAFT TO WASHINGTON SEPTTEL. SG WILL CONSIDER THIS SECOND REVISION AT THE APRIL 18 MEETING. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THE SECOND REVISED DRAFT PERMREP REPORT ON OBSERVATIONS ON WINTEX 77 BY APRIL 18. STRAUSS-HUPE

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